

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

MICHAEL THOMAS,

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:11-cv-333

-vs-

District Judge Michael R. Barrett  
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

WARDEN, Chillicothe Correctional  
Institution,

Respondent.

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**TRANSFER ORDER**

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With the consent of both of them, the magistrate judge reference in the above-captioned case is hereby transferred from The Honorable Stephanie K. Bowman to The Honorable Michael R. Merz.

March 21, 2012.

s/ **Michael R. Merz**  
United States Magistrate Judge